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Hi Marti,

The Exchange Network grant solicitation that was just released and state proposals are due on November 24, 2014. The FY15 Exchange Network grant can provide states and tribes funding to help them implement data exchanges. This is timely given changes that will be forthcoming at the state level. We are planning on starting the transition to the new ATTAINS system with the 2016 Integrated Reporting Cycle, with the expectation that all states will have transitioned by the 2018 Integrated Reporting Cycle. The ATTAINS redesign is a Tier 1 priority (meaning highest) under the grant guidance, and this would provide an opportunity for the states to receive funding to help them make the transition to the new ATTAINS system. ATTAINS system covers both state 303(d) lists and TMDLs, as well as other aspects of the 303(d)/305(b) programs.

We need your help in setting up a webinar with our states (highest priority is Oregon) on this funding opportunity. Contact Shera Reems and Dwane Young from our HQ office immediately to set-up a call with our Region, states, and Exchange Network Coordinators. They and Jill can help you determine the appropriate folks to invite.

ATTAINS will be the:

- System to enter or receive, review, and approve 303(d) lists (of the Integrated Report)
- System to enter or receive, review, and approve TMDLs
- System to view final 303(d) lists (of the Integrated Report) and TMDLs
- System that will be the repository for new CWA 303(d) measures
- System to review the results of the calculation of the new CWA 303(d) measures, then to view the final numbers
- System to receive 305(b) reports (Integrated Reports) and state-wide statistical survey information

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## **FY 2015 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Details**

### **EPA Releases Final FY 2015 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice**

The FY 2015 Exchange Network (EN) Grant Program Solicitation Notice is now available to interested applicants at <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/>.

**Applications are due to EPA by November 24, 2014.**

In FY 2015, EPA expects to award about \$10 million for 40 to 50 assistance agreements for EN Phase 2 (or Phase 1) projects of up to \$500,000 each. EPA also expects to award an additional \$1.4 million for three to four partnership assistance agreements for E-Enterprise for the Environment projects related to the EN of up to \$500,000 each. The exact number of assistance agreements will depend on the final amount of EPA's appropriation for the grant program, the number of applications submitted to EPA by the application deadline, the amounts of proposed budgets, and the outcome of application reviews. **The primary outcome expected from EN assistance agreements is improved access to, and exchange of, high-quality environmental data from public- and private-sector sources. With this outcome in mind, applications should demonstrate support for and results toward EN program priorities.**

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